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POLAND COMBATS TRACHOMA

200,000 TRACHOMA CASES -- Trybuna Ludu, No 120, 3 May 49

It is estimated that about 200,000 persons in Poland are afflicted with trachoma. About 2,000 ophthalmological consultation centers would be needed to supply prophylactic and medical treatment over the entire country. At present there are only about 600. The government, however, is determined to fight the disease. The Ministry of Health has organized antitrachoma divisions to provide mobile-unit stations, arrange examinations by specialists, and make a monthly checkup on the work of the local doctors. This year the program will embrace four powiat stations numbering about 100,000 sick (the total number of powiat affected are 30). In Konin Powiat, 9 consultation centers and 17 mobile-unit stations were opened. In 1948, 400 persons were cured of the disease in this powiat and 30,000 consultations and treatments were given.

Basing our statement on science and on the results achieved so far, we can say that in another 15 years trachoma will be entirely wiped out in Poland.

MEDICAL-AID UNITS FOR VILLAGES -- Zycie Warszawy, No 122, 5 May 49

The Polish Red Cross in Wielkopolska area is organizing mobile units to provide medical service to residents in Poznan rural areas. Medical units will visit rural areas on Sundays and holidays. It is obligatory for the members of the medical association at Poznan to take part in the new medical aid program for rural areas.

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